



Alaska Department of  
**NATURAL  
RESOURCES**

**Fact Sheet**  
**ANNUAL RENT**  
Division of Mining, Land & Water  
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**Background:**

In 1989, the State of Alaska enacted a mineral location **Annual Rental Law**, Alaska Statute 38.05.211, which requires locators and holders of State mining locations to pay an annual cash rental. The Annual Rental requirement applies to mining claims, leasehold locations, upland mining leases, offshore mining leases and prospecting sites on State land. Department regulations 11 AAC 86.215(f), 11 AAC 86.221, 11 AAC 86.260, 11 AAC 86.265, 11 AAC 86.313, and 11 AAC 86.422 identify how rental payments will be made. Please consult these regulations for specific requirements.

**What is the Annual Rental requirement?**

For **Prospecting Sites**, there is a **one-time rental** payment requirement of **\$255** which covers the **two-year term** of the site. For **MTRSC Locations, Traditional Mining Claims, Leasehold Locations and Leases**, the **Annual Rental Fees** are identified below:

**Annual Rental for Each Location**

(11 AAC 86.221(b))

Number of Years for Location	Quarter-Section Size MTRSC Location (160 Acres)	Quarter-Quarter Section MTRSC Location (40 Acres)	Traditional Mining Claim or Leasehold Location	Date Due
New Claims (Day 1 - September 1 <sup>st</sup> )	\$140	\$35	\$35	45 Days From Posting Location
1 - 5	\$140	\$35	\$35	September 1 <sup>st</sup>
6 - 10	\$280	\$70	\$70	September 1 <sup>st</sup>
11 or More	\$680	\$170	\$170	September 1 <sup>st</sup>

**Annual Rental for Each Lease**

(11 AAC 86.313(c))

Number of Years of Lease	Rental Amount Per Acre for Mining Lease	Date Due
New Leases (Day 1 - September 1 <sup>st</sup> )	\$0.88	45 Days From Lease Inception
1 - 5	\$0.88	September 1 <sup>st</sup>
6 - 10	\$1.75	September 1 <sup>st</sup>
11 or More	\$4.25	September 1 <sup>st</sup>

**PLEASE NOTE:** Depending on when you stake your claim or when you initiate your lease, you may incur **two rental payments** within the same calendar year.

**When are rental payments due and when does the Annual Rental year begin and end?**

The first Annual Rental payment for a location must be paid within 45 days of posting the location. This payment covers your rental until September 1<sup>st</sup> of that rental year only. Rental payments are not pro-rated. Subsequent Annual Rental payments are based on the Annual Rental year and are due September 1<sup>st</sup> and payable no later than November 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. The Annual Rental year begins and ends on September 1<sup>st</sup> at noon. It does not follow the calendar year. The penalty for failure to make a timely payment is forfeiture (abandonment) of the location, except in the case of a lease, in which the lease is deemed in default.

**How is the first rental payment made on a new location? (Staked within the last 45 days)**

The locator of a new mining location can pay the first rental payment in two ways. The first rental payment can be made at the recording district office at the same time the location certificate (notice) is submitted for recording, or the locator may pay the first rental at a DNR Public Information Center. If rent is paid at the time of recording, the locator **must complete and submit the required rental calculation worksheet** with the claim(s) being recorded so the required rental can be timely credited to the locations. The number of claims shown on the worksheet must equal the number of documents submitted for recording. **If the required worksheet is not attached or is not completed, the required rental payment cannot be posted to the newly recorded location(s) resulting in the recorded location(s) becoming forfeited (abandoned).** For worksheet assistance, or to cure rental deficiencies, contact one of the Public Information Offices listed below.

### **How are subsequent rental payments made?**

The Department will attempt to mail each locator a Courtesy Bill that lists all active ADL Numbers and claim names shown in their name. A copy of the Department's Courtesy Bill or a letter that identifies the Bill Numbers and ADL Numbers that are being paid for must be included with your payment. Blank payment forms are available at the Public Information Centers.

**Cross out claims on the Courtesy Bill that are not being paid for. DO NOT ADD ADL NUMBERS TO A BILL! Payments must be paid according to the Bill Number and the ADL Number.** This will ensure your payments are being properly credited. Claims that are crossed off the Courtesy Bill or **not** included in your letter will **not** be credited and will be **abandoned** by operation of law (AS 38.05.265) on December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

**Payments must be received no later than November 30<sup>th</sup> each year.** Payments may be made online, via mail, or in person at one of the Public Information Centers listed below. Payments can be made online **until** November 30<sup>th</sup> for each Rental Year at: <https://dnr.alaska.gov/ccpayments/index.cfm>. After **November 30<sup>th</sup>**, payments must be made via **mail or in person** at a Public Information Center.

Send Payment Via Mail To:	Pay In Person at the Anchorage PIC:	Pay In Person at the Fairbanks PIC:
Department of Natural Resources Support Services Division 550 West 7th Ave, Suite 1410 Anchorage, AK 99501-3561 Attention: Financial Services	Department of Natural Resources Public Information Center 550 West 7th Ave., Suite 1260 Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3557 Monday thru Friday / 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM (907) 269-8400 TDD: (907) 269-8411	Department of Natural Resources Public Information Center 3700 Airport Way Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-4699 Monday thru Friday / 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM (907) 451-2705 TDD (907) 451-2770

### **What are the Annual Rental requirements for locations on State-Selected land?**

Locations made on State-selected land do not require rental payments until the State receives conveyance of the land from the federal government. **PLEASE NOTE: The first rental payment must be paid within 90 days of the Date of Conveyance.** The payment only covers the period from the Date of Conveyance to the September 1<sup>st</sup> immediately following the conveyance. You may make a **non-refundable deposit** of \$35 (¼-¼ section location) or \$140 (¼ section location) on State-selected land that will be credited to your first Annual Rental payment if the State receives conveyance to the selection. The payment can be made at any of the locations listed above. This saves you the trouble of tracking the land status to find out if the selection has been conveyed. However, there are risks. Please consult the Fact Sheet "*Mining on State-Selected Land*" for more information. Depending on when the land is conveyed to the State, you may incur **two rental payments** within the same calendar year.

### **What happens if the rental payment is late?**

Late payments result in claims being considered abandoned under Alaska Statute 38.05.265. If you would like to cure your abandonment, you must pay a penalty equal to the annual rent for the mining claim or leasehold location that was abandoned. Late payments, are only refunded if the Department receives a written request for the refund within 90 days after the date of payment.

For newly recorded claims, if the first rental payment made at a recording office is found to be deficient, a deficiency notice will be issued and the locator will have 30 days from receipt of the notice to make the required payment in full. If payment is received within 30 days, no penalty will be applied. If payment is not received, the new location(s) will be deemed abandoned. If you would like to cure your abandonment of the new claims, you must pay a penalty equal to the annual rent in addition to the deficiency.

**If another person has located a mining claim or leasehold location that includes all or part of your location during the period of the abandonment, your location *cannot* be cured.** A locator of an abandoned location or a successor in interest may **not** relocate the location until **one year** after abandonment. Please consult the Fact Sheet on "*Abandonment of a Mining Location and Options Available Under the Law*" for more information.

### **Who should I contact if I have further questions:**

Further information can be obtained at either of Public Information Center offices listed above.